SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH: I am sorry, this matter we consider all the time. This is the bread and butter of the Reserve Bank and the Ministry of Finance, this is their work.

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: But can I have a copy of that?

SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH I am sorry, I do not have a study for publication.

SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL: Mr. Chairman, my congratulations to the Minister for building up very good foreign exchange reserves! But sometime back I came across a news item which said that though the foreign exchange reserves are standing at 17 billion dollars, neither the Reserve Bank nor the Ministry of Finance has the necessary expertise to manage these finances. I would like the hon. Finance Minister to react to this.

SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH: I think, Sir, there is no truth in that statement that we have no expertise. I think we have handled the whole foreign exchange situation quite well. I think the whole world knows it. So, I think, there is no basis for the fear that we do not have the experience or the expertise to handle the inflow of foreign exchange. It is certainly true that large inflows of foreign exchange do create problems, but, I think, these are the problems of penulty. There is certainly a pressure on the domestic monetary supply. The Reserve Bank has taken certain actions to neutralise the impact on the monetary supply. But, sooner or later, if the foreign exchange situation remains as comfortable as it is, I think, we must have a close look at our import regime. We will have to further liberalise our import regime and take other associated measures.

SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Sir, the FERA is an Act of Parliament. All I want to extract from the hon. Minister is an assurance that before any substantive changes are made in the provisions of the Act, Parliament will be duly consulted.

SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH: I think, Sir, it goes without saying that any legislative changes can be made only with the approval of Parliament.

SHRI ASHOK MITRA: That should be on record.

विज्ञापनों से अर्जित राजस्व

*27. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी :** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान अहमदाबाद, राजकोट, भुज, सूरत और बड़ौदा दूरदर्शन केन्द्रों द्वारा विज्ञापनों से प्रति वर्ष कुल कितना राजस्व अर्जित किया गया है ;

(ख) विज्ञापन शुल्क की दरों का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या और अधिक संख्या में विज्ञापन दाताओं को आकृष्ट करने के लिए विज्ञापन शुल्क की दरों में कमी करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. पी. सिंह देव) : (क) दूरदर्शन केन्द्र, अहमदाबाद जो कि गुजरात में एकमात्र ऐसा केन्द्र है जहां विज्ञापन बुक किए जाते हैं, से संबंधित ब्यौरे निम्न प्रकार से हैं :—

1991–92	3.03 करोड़ रुपए
1992–93	3.69 करोड़ रुपए
1993–94	6.01 करोड़ रुपए

(क) प्रति 10 सेकण्डों के स्पाट के लिए 1000 रुपए से 12,000 रुपए तक भिन्न-भिन्न स्पाट खरीद दरें हैं।

(ग) से (ङ) अहमदाबाद, दूरदर्शन केन्द्र पर लागू वर्तमान दरें मार्च, 1994 में निर्धारित की गई थीं। वर्तमान में किसी और संशोधन का विचार नहीं है।

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Sir, keeping the time in view, I would like to ask a supplementary in short. The income has risen from Rs. 3.03 crores to Rs. 6.01 crores, but the rates of advertisement have also been raised, and they vary from Rs. 1,000/- to Rs. 12,000/- per 10 second spot. May I know the type of rates that have been raised and whether the Government is going to set up a panel to study this particular aspect, to increase the advertisement income by reducing the rate of advertisement?

I would also like to now whether the Government is going to modify or correct or improve the quality of broadcasting, keeping the Indian culture in view.

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Sir, about the last part, most certainly, yes, we would like to improve the quality as well as keep the cultural aspect in view.

As far as the suggestion made by the hon member is concerned, it shall have to be examined from all its aspects. Before I can say anything or make a commitment here I shall have to examine it first. Without that, it will not be proper for me to make a commitment here.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Second Supplementary.

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: No, Sir.

Losses suffered by Public/private sector banks

*28. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:†

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the public and private sector banks which have suffered losses during each of the last three years;

(b) the extent of loss suffered by each bank during the above period, year-wise;

(c) whether the World Bank has recently offered funding the tier-II capital of sick public sector banks;

(d) what are the concrete details of the World Bank's offer;

(e) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to enable the sick public sector banks to avail of this offer; and

(f) whether there are any proposals under Government's consideration to merge the sick banks with other public sector banks or to close down such banks which are not economically viable, if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Losses suffered by public private sector banks

(a) and (b) The details of losses suffereds by banks in the public and

† The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Viren J. Shah.